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E. O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: CEPD

REF: STATE 077150

1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF REFTEL, MISSION CHECKED WITH UN REP AND WITH CEPD OFFICIALS AS TO STATUS OF PROPOSAL. BOTH CONFIRM THAT FULLY APPROVED (PLANNING INSTITUTE AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS) PROPOSAL FORWARDED TO UNFPA ON MARCH 16. IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT PROPOSAL MISPLACED AT UNFPA BUT IN VIEW OF THE EVALUATIONS PERFORMED BY THE AID/ W TEAM WE FEEL THAT THE SALAS LETTER MAY REFLECT UNFPA CONCERN AS TO CEPD' S PRESENT CAPABILITY TO PERFORM FUNCTIONS AS OUTLINED IN THEIR PROPOSAL.

2. DEBRIEFING BY EVALUATION TEAM (MYERS AND MACMANUS) FULLY SUPPORT A CAUTIOUS POLICY OF FURTHER FUNDING SUPPORT TO CEPD AS IT IS PRESENTLY STAFFED AND ADMINISTERED. TEAM' S PRIMARY RECOMMENDATION WAS THAT CEPD UTILIZE FUTURE FUNDS EITHER AID OR UNFPA, TO UPGRADE TECHNICAL EXPERTISE AND DEVELOP PLAN FOR INCORPORATION UNDER AUSPICES OF PLANNING INSTITUTE (INP) AS RAPIDLY AS FEASIBLE. DIRECTOR CEPD ADVISED TEAM OF HIS DESIRE FOR FORMAL TIE TO INP.

3. MISSION BELIEVES THAT INP IS ONLY REAL GOP ENTITY ABLE TO PROVIDE DIRECTION AND GUIDANCE NECESSARY FOR FULL UTILIZATION OF CEPD' S PROFESSIONAL CAPABILITIES. INP SPONSORSHIP WOULD
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ALSO PROVIDE ECONOMIES OF ADMINISTRATION SO ESSENTIAL IN

OPERATION OF CEPD.

4. MISSION WISHES TO EXPLORE DIRECT RELATIONSHIPS AND FUTURE ABSORPTION OF CEPD WITH INP. BEFORE DOING SO, REQUEST YOU EXPLORE WITH UNFPA THEIR RE- ACTION TO RELATIONSHIP INP/ CEPD. INP, KEY GOP AGENCY, IS KEENLY AWARE OF, IN FACT RESPONSIBLE FOR, GE TEMPO STUDY. CEPD COULD MAKE HIGHLY USEFUL INPUT TO WHOLE AREA OF ECONOMIC PLANNING. FURTHERMORE, INP IMPRIMATUR COULD MAKE " PERUVIAN CONTRIBUTION TO UN POPULATION YEAR" AS OUTLINED IN PRESENT CEPD PROPOSAL MUCH MORE MEANINGFUL.

5. IF UNFPA AGREEABLE TO ABOVE PROPOSAL, AND INP WILLING TO ASSUME DIRECTION ROLE OF CEPD, THEN MISSION PREPARED TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL YEAR FUNDING TO CEPD UNTIL UNFPA CAN TAKE- OVER PROVIDED CEPD IS WILLING TO UPGRADE PROFESSIONAL EXPERTISE AND REDUCE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFFING IMMEDIATELY AS RECOMMENDED BY EVALUATION TEAM.

6. IF CEPD UNWILLING TO MAKE ESSENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS, ADDITIONAL FUNDING DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE JUSTIFIED AT THIS TIME.

7. VIEW SHORT LEAD TIME, REQUEST YOU EXPLORE WITH UNFPA ISSUES OUTLINED ABOVE AND CABLE RESULTS SOONEST.
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